

That the City Clerk be instructed to write to the General Manager of the G. T. R., and request that company to erect gates to protect the crossings on Riddell, Talbot, Clarence, Colborne, Furwell and Wellington streets, similar to those erected on Richmond.

CROSS SIGNS AGAIN.

On motion of Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Birrell, the City Engineer was instructed to enforce the bylaw requiring that cross signs be taken down. Adjourned.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 26th, 1883

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith (in the chair), Ald. Birrell, Libatt, Moore, Browne, Stringer, Skinner, O'Meara, Cowan, Boyd, Hyman, Escher, Hunt and A. S. Abbott (City Clerk). Minutes read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Wm. Bryce—Application for a three years' lease of the store in the City Hall now occupied by R. Clark, the lease to date from Dec. 1. No. 1.

Wm. Gilmour—Asking lease of store in City Hall, occupied up to the present by Robert Clark. No. 1.

W. T. Elie—Asking the Council to pay him \$31, being cost of drain which he was compelled to put in owing to the break in sewer inlet. No. 2.

W. H. Street, M.D.—Tendering his resignation as member of the Hospital visiting staff, owing to absence from the city. Accepted. The matter of filling the vacancy was referred to No. 3.

J. C. Higgins and 39 others—Petition respecting insufficient drainage on the southern part of Colborne street, and Hill street. No. 2.

Judge Davis—Copy of the award in the Kensington bridge arbitration, and of the account of costs, amounting to \$2450, to be equally borne by city and county; bridge to be built of iron, costing \$11,778, one half to be borne by the city and one half by the county. Copy of the award referred to No. 2, and the account to No. 1.

REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman—Payment of the following accounts:

Pay roll, week ending Nov. 21.....	\$ 82 71
H. Colerick, City Hall.....	29 85
F. Robinson, City Hall.....	13 51
Geo. Riddle, City Hall.....	150 00
Wm. Smith, William street sewer.....	400 00
Wm. Cathro, pavements.....	245 10
John Bryan, sewer inspection.....	24 00
London Furniture Co., Police Station furniture.....	115 00
Skuse & Raymond, bill.....	169 60
Marshall & Stevenson, whitewashing.....	11 00
Plummer Wagon Co., stakes.....	4 78
Wm. Cathro, sidewalk.....	28 00
City Gas Co., tar.....	8 00
John McConnel, blacksmithing.....	14 95
Moses Cox, extra drain work.....	5 00
Thos. Green, work on City Hall.....	9 00
Wm. Anthistle, gravel.....	135 87

One half of the last account to be collected from London East Council.

In accordance with the request of this Council the sign bylaw we have notified the City Engineer to have the same carried out. Report adopted.

NO ONE COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—1. Your committee have duly considered the report of No. 3 Committee on the position of the Women's Christian Association, and beg to report funds from the appropriation from the relief account for the year 1883 to the extent of \$215.

2. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Janet Pritchard and Mrs. Tweedy.

3. Your committee are in accord with the municipal council of St. Catharines and are of opinion that the expenditure of the Police Department, the sum of \$10,000, as well as the general expenses of the Department, should be under the direct control of the several municipal councils, and your committee respectfully recommend that this opinion be conveyed to W. R. Meredith, M.P., and request him to support the memorial of the municipal council of St. Catharines.

4. Your committee beg to submit proposed bylaws re London Junction bonus of \$20,000; re right of way south side of York street; re free library and municipal buildings, 1884.

Received and Adopted.

THE LONDON JUNCTION.

Ald. Hyman read the bylaw granting the L. J. R. Company the right of way to carry its road along York street, between Burwell and Waterloo streets. The provisions of the bylaw in reference to watchmen at crossings, non-loading of freight on streets, and the planking of track between the rails. One of the new clauses provided for the erection of a new board fence—feet high on the north side of track along York street. The last clause was as follows: "That the said Company shall before exercising the powers conferred by this bylaw, pay to the corporation compensation for the rights hereby granted, the same to be determined by arbitration under the Railway Act, if the corporation and the company cannot agree as to the amount of such compensation, and such compensation shall be determined on the same basis as if the portion of the said street to be occupied by the said company were not a highway but were the absolute property of the corporation."

In connection with the London Junction matter the following were present: Messrs. Wm. Whyte, general manager C. V. R.; J. H. Fraser, solicitor; E. Leonard, John A. Cousins, J. B. Boyle, inspector; T. G. Meredith, City Solicitor; John B. Smith, Andrew Cleghorn, president L. J. R. Company; H. C. Green, Chas. Taylor, R. Bayly, J. H. Mannion, John Sandreth, J. H. Flock, M. D. Fraser, Ferguson, Mordon, Frank Leonard, T. B. Parker, Mayor Anderson, of London East; Dr. Campbell, ex-Ald. Bottie and others.

Ald. Hyman read the 21 years' agreement between the city, the L. J. R., the C. V. R., and the C. S. R., in reference to running powers, freight, passenger traffic, etc. It also provided for the running powers of the C. S. R. into London in case of the C. V. R. or